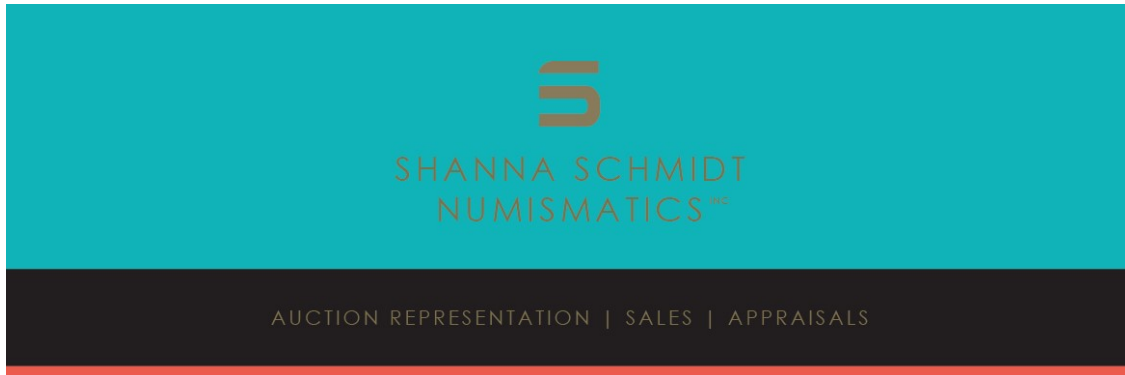


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Newsletter #114:

What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.

Greetings from lovely Zurich! For the last few days I have immersed myself in viewing coins (evidence above). This is a photo of me viewing coins in preparation for the upcoming NAC 114 sale. I'm astounded by the sheer number of impressive coins being offered in the Swiss auctions. I flew in on Monday, arrived Tuesday morning and set off straight away to view Nomos. I spent about 7 hours viewing the first day. The next day and the following two days I spent viewing NAC. On top of this I did telephone bidding in the Morton & Eden auction (thank you Tom Eden for stopping your auction when you couldn't get hold of me and thank you Arturo Russo and my husband Rainer for hunting me down in like 5 seconds flat!). I also visited Leu in their temporary Zurich office space and spent another four hours picking and choosing what to view from their 900+ lots. We haven't even started the auctions yet and I'm pretty tired. I've been drinking myself silly with cup after cup of coffee (thank you staff of Nomos, NAC and Leu). I've skipped lunch everyday but don't worry about me withering away to nothing, everyone has been very generous with the cookies and chocolate (I hate them all). With luck, I'm looking forward winning some amazing coins for clients.

Since I have bored you all with talk about the Swiss auctions the last few newsletters I'm going to give a little information about other upcoming auctions.

Künker E-Live Auction 54 (May 7-9)

For live auctions Künker does not offer internet bidding. This particular sale however is all about online bidding. There will be 2,284 coins offered over two days. There are a wide array of affordable coins in the ancient and world arenas. I'm not planning to take part in the auctions due to my busy schedule here in Switzerland but some of you may want to check it out. There are plenty of pedigreed coins to be found lurking in the sale.

Gerhard Hirsch Auction 348 (Live in Munich Germany on May 8-9)

Unfortunately for me I'm unable to whisk myself over to Germany to attend the May 8th Hirsch auction. I'll be heading back to Chicago. Hirsch conducts two days of auctions this time around with ancients on May 8 and world coinage on the 9th. About 4 years ago I attended my first Hirsch auction and I found it very nice and with lots of opportunities. Check out the auction on Sixbid or Numisbids and please let me know if you have questions. With my flight I doubt I'll be able to represent anyone but I would be willing to give advice.

Roma E-Sale 56 (May 9)

Did you not get your fill of the Lanz Celtic collection? Well, now is your chance again to buy something. The beginning of this sale has 51 more items on offer. There are also an additional 1399 coins being offered! The largest sections are Greek and Roman Imperial coinage making up well over half the sale. I noticed at the end of the sale are 7 Paduan forgeries. Even the forgeries are collectible now! There is something for everyone in this sale. Check it out and please get in touch if interested as I will likely be participating.

Solidus Literature Auction 41 (May 11)

Like music to my ears, a numismatic literature auction of 1,311 items. There is so much available that this is a paradise for those of us looking to fill holes in our library. Some of the books are from the 1700's and with amazing artwork inside. Others are simply books for a working library to help identify coins. Check out the offerings, you may find that long searched for book.

Naville Live Auction 49 (May 12, or what I call....the Mother's Day Sale)

Naville has 690 coins in their upcoming sale on May 12. I can't say that I'm entirely psyched to participate in this auction because I'm expecting my children to be waiting on me hand and foot and not doing a darn thing. Probably wishful thinking on my part. In all seriousness this is a sale that is worth checking out. There are a number of Dattari collection coins. Seriously, Dattari, the man, had so many coins. The supply literally never ends. He was a god of Alexandrian coinage and I can't blame him. The imagery on Alexandrian coins is fascinating and the marriage of Roman and Egyptian iconography is equally compelling. Aside from Alexandrian coinage there are plenty of other opportunities so check it out.



Coin of the Week

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IONIA, Magnesia ad Maeandrum. c. 150–140 BC

AR Tetradrachm, 16.86g (32mm, 12h). Stephanophoric type. Pausanias, son of Pausanias, "magistrate". Diademed and draped bust of Artemis right, bow and quiver over shoulder / Apollo Delphios standing left, elbow resting on tall tripod behind, holding branch tied with fillet; ΕΥΦΗΜΟΣ ΠΙΑΥΣΑΝΙΟΥ to left, meander pattern below; all within laurel wreath.

Pedigree: Ex Peus 351, 1997, lot 218

Price: \$3,500

Magnesia ad Maeandrum, in English, Magnesia on the Maeander, was a Greek settlement located in western Asia Minor, modern day Turkey. It was settled by the Aeolians of Thessaly, a place made famous in Homer's Odyssey. Magnesia ad Maeandrum was so named to differentiate it from another Greek city-state in nearby Lydia, Magnesia ad Sipylum. Despite the fact that Magnesia was located in Ionia it was not accepted into the Ionian League due to its settlers being Thessalian Greeks.

This coin is a beautiful throwback of Classical Greek style injected into the evolving ancient world. By the time this coin was struck the heyday of Greek leadership was over and the Romans were starting to become the leaders of the ancient world.

References: Jones obv. die 8; SNG von Aulock 7922; SNG Copenhagen 844

Grade: very minor surface irregularities on obverse. Wonderfully struck. EF

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If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!
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